

**Rule Development Agenda
July - December 2010**

The Forest Practices Board's mandate is to adopt rules to protect the state's public resources while maintaining a viable forest products industry. The following rule proposals are under development or are anticipated during this time period. There may be additional rule making activity not on the agenda as conditions warrant.

1. **Notice of Forest Practice to Affected Indian Tribes.** The Board may consider rule making to clarify rules that require landowners to meet with tribes when an application involves a cultural resource.
2. **Administrative Appeals.** The Board may consider an expedited rule making process to implement Legislation passed in 2010 (SHB 2935) that streamlined environmental and land use administrative appeals and made actions by the Department of Natural Resources appealable to the Pollution Control Hearings Board. Also included is a new subsection in WAC 222-20-050 which documents the existence of the "notice of a conversion to a nonforestry use" (2007 legislation).
3. **Riparian Open Space Program.** The Board may consider rule making to implement Substitute Senate Bill (SSB) 5401, 2009 session which expanded the program to include the acquisition of conservation easements on forest land that contains critical habitat for threatened or endangered species as designated by the Board. The legislation also changed the type of channel migration lands eligible for acquisition from "unconfined avulsing channel migration zones" to simply "unconfined channel migration zones."
4. **Biomass Definition.** The Board may consider rule making to amend WAC 222-16-010 by adding "removal of forest biomass" to the definition of "forest practice"; and adding a definition of "forest biomass."
5. **Road Maintenance and Abandonment Plan.** The Board may consider rule making to amend WAC 222-24-050 and 051 to allow landowners to apply for an extension of the Road Maintenance and Abandonment Plan (RMAP) deadline for up to 5 years (to July 2021).
6. **Watershed Analysis Mass Wasting Prescriptions.** The Board may consider rule making on watershed analysis mass wasting prescriptions.

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